

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1854

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Campbell Maben of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of the members of this General Assembly to recognize those Tennesseans of upstanding character whose altruism and selfless actions improve the lives of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Campbell Maben of Knoxville, whose recent act of generosity helped improve Seven Islands State Birding Park for current and future visitors; and

WHEREAS, a 2021 graduate of the L&N STEM Academy, Mr. Maben is currently a freshman at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he studies biology as a pre-med student; and

WHEREAS, two years ago, when Campbell Maben was sixteen, a lump was found on his left shoulder, and doctors informed him he had a type of cancer known as Hodgkin's lymphoma, a diagnosis that turned the active young man's world upside down; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maben missed part of his junior year and his entire senior year of high school; he completed his assignments at home as he underwent cancer treatments, which included a stem cell transplant; and

WHEREAS, during this time, Campbell Maben became keenly interested in birds; his bird-watching ventures began in his backyard and continued at Seven Islands State Birding Park, where he found solace and peace throughout the time of his cancer treatment; and

WHEREAS, when the Make-A-Wish Foundation of East Tennessee approached Mr. Maben with the opportunity to have a wish granted, his was to enhance Seven Islands State Birding Park for all visitors through the construction and installation of an improved information kiosk and picnic tables; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2022, a ribbon-cutting ceremony and unveiling of the new kiosk took place at Seven Islands State Birding Park, located at 2809 Kelly Lane in Kodak; and

WHEREAS, Campbell Maben's selflessness and community-mindedness belie his years, and his act of generosity will be a boon to park-goers for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, throughout his trials and triumphs, Mr. Maben has been blessed with the love of family; he and his siblings Madeline and Kieran are triplets and play bluegrass music together, with Campbell on fiddle, much to the delight of his parents, Ellie and Paul Maben, and twin brothers, Maxwell and Casey; and

WHEREAS, Campbell Maben is now in remission; this young man has just begun to leave his mark on the world, and we are eager to see all the good that will come through his compassion, integrity, and kind spirit; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Campbell Maben of Knoxville, extending our appreciation for his selfless act of generosity in improving Seven Islands State Birding Park and our best wishes for every success and happiness throughout his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.